Nayar Brigade lines at Ernakulam.

150. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Departmental Head that the present quarters occupied by the Nayar Brigade sepoys at Ernakulam are in a rickety condition and that it is unsafe for the sepoys to occupy that building in such a dangerous state ;

(2) has the Commandant of the Nayar Brigade addressed the Government in the matter and suggested to shift the quarters to a more suitable and stronger building ;

(3) if the answer to (2) is in the affirmative, why the Government should delay in taking prompt steps in a matter like this, involving the lives of several Government servants;

(4) has the Commandant himself inspected the building and noticed the cracks existing in it ;

(5) has the Commandant asked for the opinion of any expert whether the building as it exists is likely to collapse ;

(6) what rent is paid by the Government for the occupation of these quarters ;

(7) whether a part of this building is in the occupation of another person who lives with his family there ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) There was correspondence on the point between the Government and the Commandant, Nayar Brigade. But there was no proposal to shift the quarters from the present building.

(3) There has been no delay. As soon as it was found that another suitable building is not available orders were issued to direct the owner of the present building to carry out the necessary repairs.

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes.

(6) Rs. 45 per month.

(7) Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—(3) Was it because there was no proper building?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, no suitable building was available.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is not Mr. Seetharama Ayyar's building a suitable one?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That is not vacant. We are trying to get that place. But it is already rented to the Harbour Staff.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—(4) Were there a large number of cracks in the building?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There were a few.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was this building in a rickety condition?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is a matter of opinion, Sir.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Where there cracks in almost all the rooms of the building?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice, Sir.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What is the opinion of the Engineer who inspected the building, whether it is suitable for habitation or not?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—With sufficient repairs, it can be used.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was there a report of the Chief Engineer that the walls are not able to support the building, and that they must be replaced?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That was not the purport of the report.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government kindly say what sort of repair is necessary for the walls to be replaced?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The only repair that is necessary is the propping up of the roof and the cealing.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—So walls are necessary to support the building?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The very fact that the wall is there shows that it supports the building.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Did the Engineer state that it is unsafe to live in that building?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He reported that repairs have to be done urgently.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—My question was whether the building as it exists is likely to collapse. The answer is 'Yes'.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes. It is correct.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—So, the building as it stands is likely to collapse.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The inference is wrong.

Mr. M. k. Raman.—Sub-division (5). Whether the Commandant asked for the opinion of any expert as to whether the building as it exists is likely to collapse?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There is the affirmative answer.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What is the opinion of the expert?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—That does not arise, because there is no question like that.

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Mr. M. K. Raman.—My question has not been answered.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no such question.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—With regard to the question whether it is likely to collapse what is the opinion of the expert?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I don't see any question like this.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—My supplementary question is whether the expert has given his opinion that the building is likely to collapse?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It has been answered. The building requires some repairs.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are there not cracks in other offices?

President.—You mean in buildings?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Yes. For example in the Head quarter Office of the Police Commissioner at Trichur, there is a big crack in the wall. That building was under our control. We thought that the building will collapse.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know from the Law Member that if the building collapses whether the Government can be sued against?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know whether the collapse of the building will cause any damage to the neighbouring houses?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No.

Providing for unpassed hands in the Magisterial Department.

151. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether anything has been done by the Government in conformity with the assurance given by it while discussing Cut No. 5, XVI-Law and Justice and printed at page 447, Part 6, Vol. III, Third Series of Council Proceedings?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. Applications have not been received from the unpassed hands for appointment as copyists.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ.—ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള മറുപടി "No. Applications have not been received from the passed hands for appointment as copyists" ഇതാണോ. ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരുടെ അപേക്ഷകൾ വരുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അവക്കു നല്ലപോലെ കൊടുക്കുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിയ്ക്കാമോ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We will consider it most sympathetically.

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